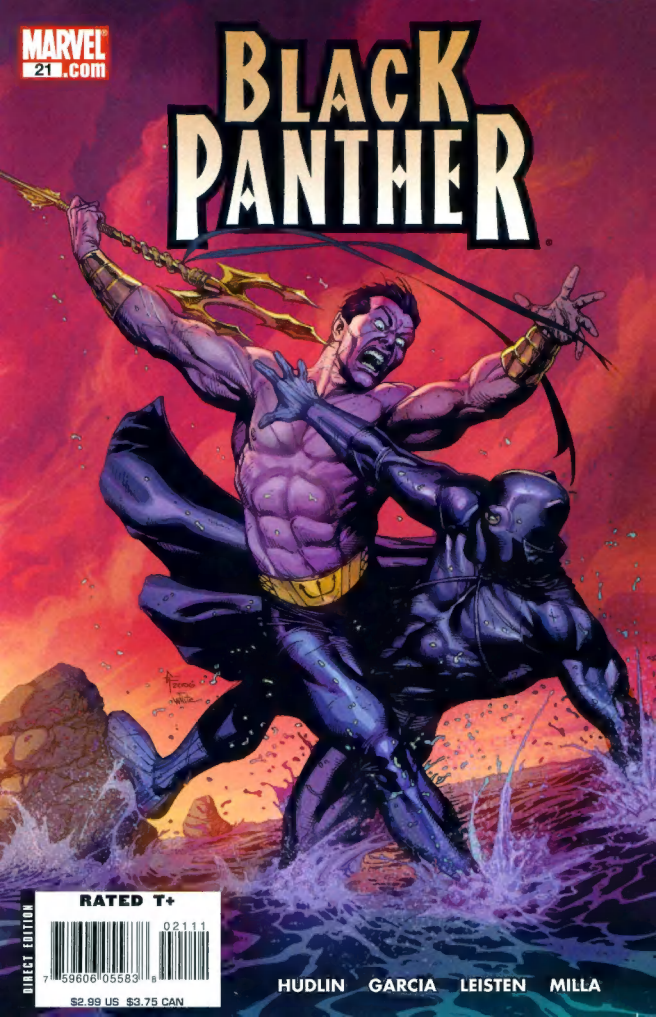
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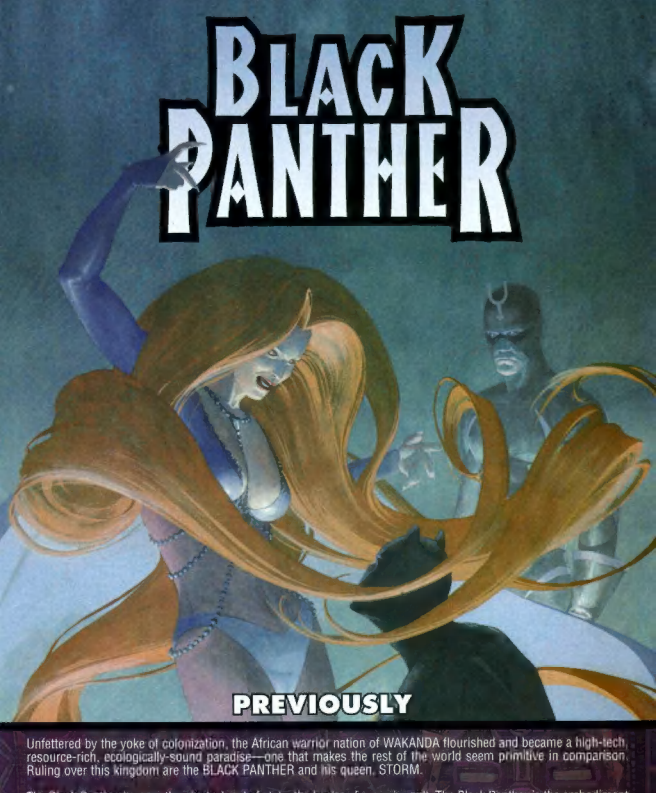

PREVIOUSLY

Unfettered by the yoke of colonization, the African warrior nation of WAKANDA flourished and became a high-tech, resource-rich, ecologically-sound paradise—one that makes the rest of the world seem primitive in comparison. Ruling over this kingdom are the BLACK PANTHER and his queen, STORM.

The Black Panther is more than just a head of state, the leader of a warrior cult. The Black Panther is the embodiment of the ideals of a people. While T'Challa's marriage to Storm was a happy occasion, the couple was reminded that Wakanda faces difficult times ahead. Now more than ever, Wakanda needs the Black Panther to preserve its integrity and guide its people through the political minefield created by the Civil War in the United States.

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FIRST LATVERIA, THEN THE MOON, NOW ATLANTIS?
BETWEEN DR. DOOM, THE INHUMANS AND NAMOR, IS THERE ANY FOREIGN FOE OF THE UNITED STATES THAT HE *ISN'T* GOING TO VISIT?
T'CHALLA *HAS* REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT.
ARE YOU TRYING TO BE FUNNY?
NO. THE REQUEST FROM THE WAKANDAN EMBASSY CAME TODAY.
NO WAY IN HELL I'M LETTING *THAT* HAPPEN!
BUT SHOULDN'T WE JUST *ASK* HIM WHAT HE'S UP TO...?

MEANWHILE, THIRTY-THOUSAND LEAGUES BENEATH THE SEA...
A VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA IS AS BAD AS GOING TO OUTER SPACE!
SORRY, DEAR. YOU CAN'T RUSH A DESCENT TO THESE DEPTHS WITHOUT HARM.
I KNOW, BUT WE'RE SO FAR FROM OPEN AIR.
BUT LOOK! YOU DON'T SEE SEA CREATURES LIKE THAT FLOATING BY YOUR SPACESHIP!
WELL, SOMETIMES, YES. DEPENDS ON THE GALAXY.
I BET YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

WORLD TOUR PART THREE

Aqua-Boogie

OF ALL THE HIDDEN KINGDOMS, ATLANTIS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO RIVALS WAKANDA IN SHEER BEAUTY.
OF COURSE, *SOME* OF OUR HISTORIANS HAVE NOTICED SIMILARITIES IN ARCHITECTURE BETWEEN THE TWO...

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WHENEVER I GET ONE OF THESE ROYAL RECEPTIONS, I ALWAYS WONDER IF THE PEOPLE EVEN KNOW WHO WE ARE.
T'CHALLA! ORORO! WELCOME!
ARE YOU HUNGRY? I HAVE THE FRESHEST SUSHI...
FWOOOOOOOOSH
NAMOR, I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN YOU SMILE. LET ALONE CRACK A JOKE.
MY LATE WIFE DORMA SAID I HAD A DAZZLING SMILE. THE FEW TIMES I WOULD SHOW IT. BUT MY WIT ALWAYS LET ME DOWN.
HERE AT THE OCEAN'S FLOOR, WE CAN HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION THAT IS BEYOND THE DEVICES OF REED RICHARDS AND TONY STARK.
I SEE WE'RE GETTING RIGHT TO IT.
MEN DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF SMALL TALK, MY DEAR.
NAMOR...
NO OFFENSE INTENDED. YOUR WIFE IS A TRUE WARRIOR.
LET ALL THREE OF US DISCUSS THE HARD CHOICES AHEAD.

CAN YOU BELIEVE REED RICHARDS HAD THE *NERVE* TO COME TO OUR COUNTRY AND TRY AND RECRUIT T'CHALLA INTO THE CIVIL WAR THAT IS TEARING APART THE UNITED STATES?
I KNOW REED IS YOUR FRIEND, T'CHALLA, BUT YOU MUST ADMIT HIS FORMIDABLE INTELLIGENCE IS FAILING HIM IN THIS CASE. TOO MANY EQUATIONS, NOT ENOUGH COMMON SENSE.
HIS STANCE IS... PROFOUNDLY DISAPPOINTING.
BUT YOU *CAN'T* SAY YOU ARE SURPRISED, CAN YOU? YOU OF ALL PEOPLE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOUR HUSBAND. WHEN STARK AND RICHARDS FORMED THEIR LITTLE CABAL--THE *ILLUMINATI*--T'CHALLA WAS THE FIRST ONE TO STAND UP AND DECLARE IT AS THE ROAD TO RUIN. HE WALKED OUT AND NEVER RETURNED.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THEY'VE BEEN *PLANNING* THIS FOR *YEARS*?
NO, NO, IT WAS A GROUP OF "SUPER POWERS"--IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD--THAT DECIDED TO BAND TOGETHER AS A SUPERSTRUCTURE BEYOND THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENCIES, SUCH AS THE AVENGERS, THE INHUMANS...
...AND YES, YOUR PROFESSOR X WAS THERE, TOO, MY DEAR...TO FACE GLOBAL THREATS.
BUT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE X-MEN, THE AVENGERS--THEY WERE ALL FOUNDED ON SIMILAR PRINCIPLES. HOW DID IT GO WRONG?
JUST ASK YOUR HUSBAND. DESPITE APPEARANCES, HE'S NOT MUCH OF A "*JOINER*"--EXCEPT TO KEEP HIS ENEMIES CLOSER.

NAMOR IS REFERRING TO THE FACT--WHICH IS NOW APPARENTLY COMMON KNOWLEDGE--THAT I INITIALLY JOINED THE AVENGERS TO SPY ON THEM, TO FIND OUT THEIR TRUE INTENTIONS.
NOT ONLY DID I FIND MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD HEART, BUT I ALSO FELT THEY WERE CONTAINABLE EVEN IF THINGS WENT WRONG.
AGAIN, A WISE MAN! I WISH I HAD HIS PATIENCE!
BUT HE COMES BY IT HONESTLY. HE GOT IT FROM HIS GRANDFATHER!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NAMOR?
WHAT? I NEVER TOLD YOU THAT STORY?
WHAT STORY?
MY FIRST TRIP TO WAKANDA.
NO, YOU DIDN'T.
OH, MY MEMORY. THOSE YEARS OF AMNESIA. I APOLOGIZE.
IT WAS DURING WORLD WAR TWO...

"CAP WAS CHASING NAZIS THROUGH DEEPEST AFRICA. THEY GOT A HEAD START, BUT THEIR GOOD LUCK WAS ABOUT TO TURN BAD.
"THEY RAN INTO WAKANDAN BORDER SECURITY FIRST. THEY WERE BEHEADED LONG BEFORE CAP CAUGHT UP TO THEM."
I KNOW THIS STORY. THIS IS WHEN CAPTAIN AMERICA FIRST ARRIVED IN WAKANDA.
THAT'S CORRECT. BUT WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT ALL OF US WERE IN AFRICA AT THE TIME.
"US"...?
"A GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO JOINED TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THE SPREAD OF FASCISM.

"THE INVADERS!"
NEIN, NEIN!
"THE SUN WAS SO HOT, IT WAS HARD FIGHTING WITHOUT DEHYDRATING..."

(WHERE IS THAT STATUE'S HEAD? I WILL SQUASH THAT FLYING FLAMING FART...)
MASTER MAN, YOU WILL CEASE YOUR DESECRATION OF THESE ANCIENT RUINS.
WHAAAAACK
WHUD

IMPERIUS REX!
CLANG!
(COME HERE, HALF-BREED. LET ME KILL YOU.)
IF YOU ▬ SUPPOSED TO BE THE NAZIS' "BEST MAN," THEN YOU SHOULD FACE OURS.
"SPITFIRE REALLY WAS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS MEMBERS. TO BE HIT WITH ANYTHING THAT FAST. THAT MANY TIMES...

"MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN AMERICA'S BRITISH COUNTERPART, UNION JACK, MADE HIS WAY TOWARD THE COMMAND TENT."
BLAST! SOMEONE BEAT ME HERE.
AND TOOK THE PLANS!
"WHOEVER DID IT WAS SILENT, FAST, AND LEFT NO TRAIL, AND HAD NO ALLEGIANCE TO EITHER SIDE.
"WE HAD NO IDEA WHO IT COULD BE, BUT SPITFIRE WOULD FIND THEM QUICKLY."

THE NAZIS WERE PLANNING ON USING VIBRANIUM AS A KEY ELEMENT IN THEIR ATOMIC WEAPONS PROGRAM. THAT'S WHY THEY SENT SCOUTS--TO PLAN AN INVASION.
EXCUSE ME, SIRE. WE HAVE ANOTHER SHIP APPROACHING.
AMERICAN, ENGLISH OR GERMAN?
NONE OF THE ABOVE, SIRE.
LAND NOW! I *COMMAND* YOU!
I SAID-- *LAND!*

CALM DOWN.
COME OUT, OR I'LL *RIP* THE DOOR OFF!
AND WHAT'S *YOUR* NAME?
HM?
FOOF
NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION... LET'S TALK.
YOU'RE *ATLANTEAN*, RIGHT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TANGLED UP IN THIS STUPID WAR? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WON'T HAVE TO END UP FIGHTING WHOEVER WINS ■ THE END.
...ACK... ACK...
THIS WATER WILL COUNTERACT THE EFFECT OF THE POWDER, BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE NOT TO TRY AND ■ MY HEAD OFF AFTERWARDS, OKAY? BECAUSE WE HAVE ■ *LOT MORE* OF THIS POWDER IF YOU DO.
DEAL?
...OKAY... DEAL...

SO. DID YOU TRY TO RIP HIS HEAD OFF?
OF COURSE! BUT AFTER THE THIRD TIME WITH THE POWDER, I CALMED DOWN. AND THEN WE TALKED.
YOUR GRANDFATHER, WAS HE? HE SAW IT ALL COMING: THE COLD WAR. MY ATTACKS ON THE SURFACE WORLD. THE PROLIFERATION OF "SUPER-TEAMS." THE EVENTUAL CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM AND INSECURE HUMAN GOVERNMENTS.
THE QUESTION NOW IS: WHAT DO YOU SEE?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
WHAT DO YOU ASKING ME TO DO, NAMOR?
WHAT YOU KNOW HAS TO BE DONE.

THE WORLD IS WATCHING WHAT'S GOING ON IN AMERICA WITH HORROR. THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED YET BECAUSE THEY HOPE IT WILL SORT ITSELF OUT. BUT IF CAPTAIN AMERICA'S EFFORTS CANNOT CURB TONY STARK AND REED RICHARDS' SCHEMES, THEN A GLOBAL RESPONSE IS CERTAIN.
NO ONE BELIEVES THAT U.S. REGISTRATION IS THE END GOAL. ONCE THEY ASSEMBLE A SUPERHUMAN ARMY, WHAT'S TO STOP THEM FROM EXPORTING THEIR IDEOLOGY AROUND THE WORLD, GANG-PRESSING EVERY SUPERHUMAN ON THE PLANET INTO THEIR ARSENAL?

FUNNY.
DOOM SAID THE SAME THING TO ME.
DOOM? HMPH. EVEN A STOPPED CLOCK IS RIGHT TWICE A DAY.
SOMEONE HAS TO LEAD THE GLOBAL RESISTANCE--OR ELSE IT WILL EXPRESS ITSELF IN DISORGANIZED, RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT WILL PROVIDE THE PRETEXT FOR U.S. INVASIONS OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS.
RIGHT.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU DO IT?

NOW, T'CHALLA, YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. I LACK THE CREDIBILITY OR STATESMANSHIP FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COALITION AGAINST AMERICAN AGGRESSION.
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, RESPECTED THE WORLD OVER BY THE SUPERHUMAN COMMUNITY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. YOU'RE A FORMER AVENGER, YOU'RE A KING, YOU'RE ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST MEN ON EARTH, AND YOU'RE A WORLD-CLASS INTELLECT.
MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOU'RE A MAN OF UNSHAKABLE MORAL FIBER. YOU SAY WHAT YOU MEAN, AND MEAN WHAT YOU SAY, AND YOU'RE ALWAYS READY TO BACK IT UP WITH ACTION OR SACRIFICE.
YOU WERE MEANT FOR THIS, T'CHALLA.
CHARMING WORDS, NAMOR.
YOU KNOW THEY ARE TRUE.
THAT'S WHY I MARRIED HIM. BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
YOU WANT MY HUSBAND TO INSERT HIMSELF INTO A CONFLICT BETWEEN AS A PAWN IN YOUR LONG-STANDING RIVALRY BETWEEN YOURSELF AND RICHARDS.
WHAT?
IS MARRIED TO REED! STOP COMPETING FOR HER ATTENTION! IT'S PATHETIC!
A WOMAN'S LOGIC A MIRACLE TO BEHOLD.
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO YOUR FASCINATION WITH HER.
DO YOU NOT SEE THE LARGER STAKES HERE?
I SEE YOU PUTTING MY HUSBAND HARM'S WAY FOR NO REASON.
ORORO, STOP. YOU DON'T MEAN THAT. YOU'RE JUST BEING PROTECTIVE--AND I APPRECIATE THAT.
WE JUST GOT MARRIED! WHY CAN'T WE HAVE A MOMENT OF PEACE?
YOU MY WIFE. WE WILL MAKE THIS DECISION TOGETHER.

I WILL LEAVE YOU TWO TO TALK.
DID YOU DESIRE ANYTHING, SIRE?
YES. REMIND [redacted] NEVER TO REMARRY.
OKAY, [redacted] TALK. WHAT'S *REALLY* DISTURBING YOU ABOUT THIS?
YOU MEAN BESIDES *VIOLATING* THE NON-AGGRESSION POLICY THAT IS A *CORNERSTONE* OF OUR NATION'S HISTORY FOR CENTURIES?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVEN'T WORKED AROUND THAT IN THE PAST. WAKANDA SECRETLY FUNDED MANDELA'S ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT FOR YEARS-- AND THAT'S THE ONLY [redacted] I *KNOW* ABOUT.
FOR THAT MATTER, YOUR TIME WITH THE AVENGERS COULD BE CONSIDERED WAKANDA WORKING WITH AN INTERNATIONAL COALITION [redacted] UNREGULATED SUPER-BEINGS-- WHICH ISN'T THAT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM WHAT NAMOR IS PROPOSING NOW.
WAIT. YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE READY TO TAKE ON ALL OF S.H.I.E.L.D. RIGHT NOW.
IF THAT'S WHAT WE [redacted] TO DO. YES.
THEN YOUR WHOLE THING WITH NAMOR WAS...?
OH, *THAT*. I JUST DIDN'T LIKE HOW HE WAS TRYING TO PLAY YOU. LIKE HE'S MALCOLM X TO YOUR MARTIN LUTHER KING.
SOMEBODY'S BEEN READING THEIR WEDDING GIFT FROM THEIR GRANDFATHER. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU [redacted] READ *THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF--*
SERIOUSLY, T'CHALLA. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO *DO?*

I'M SKEPTICAL ABOUT NAMOR'S IDEA THAT [redacted] THE NATURAL LEADER OF GLOBAL RESISTANCE.
DON'T BE MODEST. HE'S TOTALLY RIGHT ABOUT THAT.
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER TO RECRUIT CAPTAIN [redacted] FOR THE ROLE?
NOTHING ABOUT [redacted] THINK HE'S GOING AGAINST QUEEN [redacted] COUNTRY. AND IF PARLIAMENT HASN'T [redacted] OF THE REGISTRATION ACT YET, THEY SOON WILL.
BUT WE SHOULD TRY TO RECRUIT HIM, DON'T YOU THINK?
SO YOU HAVE DECIDED TO DO IT!
YOU KNOW, [redacted] COULD VERY LIKELY LOSE. I MEAN, LOOK AT OUR POTENTIAL "ALLIES": NAMOR? THE INHUMANS? DOCTOR DOOM? NONE OF THEM HAS EVER WON A FIGHT AGAINST THE FANTASTIC FOUR... LET ALONE [redacted] ENTIRE SUPER-POWERED ARMY.
I KNOW WARREN WORTHINGTON--YOU KNOW, ARCHANGEL--IS ASSEMBLING [redacted] GROUP [redacted] HIGH NET WORTH INDIVIDUALS WHO OPPOSE THE ACT TO PRESSURE CONGRESS. [redacted] WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH [redacted] WEALTH
YES, BUT...
PLUS YOU'LL HAVE CAPTAIN AMERICA ON YOUR SIDE! AND HE ALWAYS WINS!

IF WE LOSE, NOT ONLY WILL I BE THE FIRST REGENT EVER TO LOSE CONTROL OF MY KINGDOM, BUT WE WOULD BE LOCKED IN A [redacted] IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE.
THEY DOING THAT? LOCKING UP HEROES? THEIR FRIENDS, THEIR COMRADES, IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE?!
AND REED HAD THE NERVE TO TRY AND RECRUIT YOU INTO THIS MADNESS?
THE SOUND [redacted] RAISED VOICES MAKES ME THINK A DECISION HAS [redacted] MADE.
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT ALL THIS?
I KNEW A DAY LIKE THIS WOULD COME. I HAVE BEEN PREPARED.
TO [redacted] JUST SEE WOLVERINE #412-417. -EDITOR
AND IF I DECIDE TO TAKE YOUR ADVICE AND LEAD THIS MOVEMENT, [redacted] THE TIME COMES...THEN YOU WILL FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS? YOU WILL [redacted] I SAY?
YES.

THEN LET FOES OF FREEDOM BEWARE...
...THE BLACK PANTHER WILL DEFEND THE OPPRESSED!

THE BLACK PANTHER AND WIFE STORM, A POSSIBLE OMEGA-LEVEL MUTANT, ARE MEETING ON A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.
HE INSISTS THE MEETING IS DIPLOMATIC. BUT WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES.
BLACK PANTHER
REAL NAME
T'CHALLA
ALIASES
LIEF CHARLES, BLACK LEOPARD, NUBIAN PRINCE, THE CLIENT, COAL TIGER, KING SOLOMON'S SWORDSMAN, AND OTHERS
IDENTITY
PUBLICLY KNOWN
OCCUPATION
RULER OF WAKANDA, SCIENTIST, FORMER SCHOOLTEACHER
CITIZENSHIP
WAKANDA
PLACE OF BIRTH
WAKANDA
KNOWN RELATIVES
AZZURA (FATHER, DECEASED), NYAMA (MOTHER, DECEASED), KAMANDA (STEPMOTHER), S'YANN (UNCLE), T'SHAN (COUSIN)
STORM
REAL NAME
ORORO MUNROE
ALIASES
GODDESS, WEAPON X, MUTATE KID, WHITE KING, WEATHER WITCH, "IRO"
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GROUP AFFILIATIONS
X-MEN (FORMER LEADER); FORMER JUNCTION CITY; THEIR ARENA; FORLOCK (LEADER)
FULL FILES ON THE TARGETS ARE BEING UPLOADED INTO YOUR ATTACK FOLDERS.
IF THERE'S A PROBLEM, I TRUST YOU CAN DEAL WITH IT.
IF NOT, THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME.
NEXT:
BLACK PANTHER
VS.
IRON MAN

MAIL TO THE KING!

For my next birthday and/or Christmas, I am totally asking for a Panther plane!

Greetings, fellow Panther Fans! Assistant Editor Daniel Ketchum here, with an abundance of Panther Mail. Let's go to it!

Dear Panther people,

I have just read issue #17, and though I was glad to see my city pictured in such a great comic book, I noticed that, again, it was depicted in a stereotypical way. You probably don't know, but we have been trying for some time to rid our city of the image it seems to have as a destination for those seeking sex. We are quite sick of having to constantly see foreigners hanging around the beach with prostitutes, as prostitution is a part of the crime scene in our city, a business very much integrated into the drug-dealing and other kinds of crimes. I'm not angry or anything, but I wanted to point it out so that maybe next time there'll be a little more care in depicting foreign countries. Brazil and Rio might not be the paradise Wakanda is, but it is not a whorehouse.

Congratulations on the rest of the work, it's amazing to finally see Ororo, one of my favorites, have a real spotlight.

Best wishes to the newlyweds!!
Felipe Lima Palha

Thank you for writing this letter, Felipe. I think this book really strives to break down stereotypes and encourages folks to think in different ways. Your letter certainly did that for me!

Dear Mr. Hudlin, Marvel, Fans, Friends and Enemies:

I was going to write the obligatory letter, stating my likes and/or dislikes for recent issues regarding Black Panther and his various endeavors. However, a recent letter from a U.S. Air Force Captain has motivated me to take my letter in another direction.

Frankly, someone needs to remind him that you, myself and anybody else in the United States has a constitutional right to say and/or believe whatever they want. This right also includes not supporting the President, whether it's in a comic book storyline or real life. As far as I'm concerned, he's the one who's "low-class."

Anyone who has read Black Panther the past twenty issues, including the Priest books and earlier, realizes that the T'Challa character does not trust anyone beyond the Wakandan homeland.

This is not due to some paranoid schizophrenia, but a simple deduction of how the world powers, especially the American "leadership," betrays, lies and misuses other nations, people, etc. for personal gain. Therefore, the phrase "Git on "fore you get spit on" is apt, and extremely reflective of the Panther.

Yes, George W. Bush is the President, but that doesn't mean I, or any other reader, have to blindly follow him or anyone who agrees with him. To say otherwise is plain ignorant. In my honest opinion, recent current events have definitely inspired Mr. Hudlin and fellow Marvel writers to create storylines like "Civil War," "World Tour," and so forth.

Personally, I look forward to reading all the books, and I am really anticipating what T'Challa and Storm will do in the current story.

In any event, I urge Mr. Hudlin and staff to continue doing what you're doing: stay the course. If you want to add political/social commentary, do it in an insightful and entertaining way. If you don't want to do it, then don't. The choice is yours.

I would like to end this letter with the following quote by President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt: "To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable".

Thank you for your comic, and your time.

Peace!!!
Dereck Allen Philips

Thank you for the honest letter, Dereck! I'm sure that a number of readers share your perspective.

Hudlin, Eaton & Crew,

I want to thank you gentlemen for the best portrayal of African-American Super Heroes in comic book history. BLACK PANTHER #18 represented almost all of Marvel's African-American heroes. The only person I didn't see was Gabe Jones, the old S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, but that's alright. I have to admit, I was critical at first of Hudlin's take on the Panther, but the last 6-8 issues have been outstanding. Reggie, good luck the rest of the way and best wishes to you and your fine staff.

Best wishes,
Clyde Reid Jr.
St. Louis, Missouri

Let me tell you, your Gabe Jones reference made me scramble for my OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE! Thank you for the kind words, Clyde!

Dear Panther Posse,

This book is truly a testament to what can happen when you have an outstanding creative team. Each character is well represented in both the writing and the art. You all have such a way with details, and that truly makes a difference. Major props on the wedding. It was superbly done. What would you drink at a royal wedding? The stuff in the purple bag, of course--nice touch. Did I mention, my boy, Mr. Eaton, can draw a swimsuit-clad Storm second to none? However, I got to ask, how can you let our boy get punked out by Dr. Doom? In front of his wife too! I'm not worried, though. This is the same man who broke the Red Skull's jaw after he told him he was going to do it. I know there will be repercussions for Doom. May T'Challa lay the smackdown on anyone foolish enough to step up. Keep holding it down, guys, and I will keep reading, because we all know BLACK PANTHER is the official place for the fist-pound.

Willie Agee
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Yeah, I was also a bit disappointed that our boy T'Challa was bested by Doom. I guess that's just something we'll have to fix with round two! (And if you think BLACK PANTHER is the official place for the fist-pound now, just wait until you see what's coming in the next few months!)

Greetings,

I am a big fan of BLACK PANTHER, and I think you all are doing an excellent job with this title. The writing of Reginald Hudlin and Scot Eaton's artwork are exceptional. But it appears as though Scot may no longer be on the title. That's regrettable, because he certainly distinguished himself with the beautiful work he displayed during his run.

If you are currently looking for a new artist, I'd like to suggest long-time GREEN LANTERN artist Darryl Banks. I've seen some of his commissioned pieces featuring the Panther, and he does an outstanding T'Challa.

I also think Sal Velluto would be a worthy successor to the title.

Regardless, keep up the great work. The wedding issue was one of the best comics I've ever read. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Damon Owens
Houston, TX

Thanks, Damon! As far as artists go, I would say Manuel draws a rockin' Panther…I mean, not just anyone can pull off a Panther plane!

Next month, T'Challa and Ororo continue their World Tour in the good old U.S. of A! They've been feeling the influence of the Civil War since their wedding day…and now they're going to face it head-on!

See you in thirty!
--Daniel

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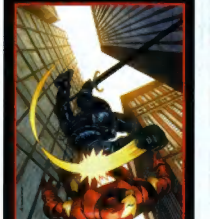

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